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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

✓ Please amend the specification as follows. A clean copy of the amended paragraph is attached.

✓ Please amend the paragraph on 6, lines 13 to 21, as follows:

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The SMA application has the capability to identify suppliers as primary, secondary, tertiary, etc., for each skill. The SMA application will send the request immediately to the primary and after a predetermined number of days to the secondary, and so on. The number of days between e-mail notifications are variables which can be changed [the] by the SMA application administrator. The requester can cancel the request at any time, in which case and e-mail is sent to all